

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE

ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE J.CHELAMESWAR

and

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.VENKATESWARA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 17799 of 2005

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Dated: 12th September 2005.

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Between:

Anil Kumar, U.T.No.2862, District Jail, Anantapur,

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Superintendent, District Jail, Anantapur District and others

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORAL ORDER:

(Per the Hon'ble Sri Justice M.Venkateswara Reddy)

This taken up writ petition flows from a petition dated 5th August 2005, sent by the petitioner, who is an inmate of District Jail, Anantapur, alleging that since three months prior to the date of his petition, his right leg has been seriously infected, bone pieces are coming out from the sutures of the fractured area and the jail doctor advised him to take good food, milk and fruits stating that the infection is in a serious state. On 4th August 2005, he complained regarding the quality of the food to the Deputy Jailor and the head warders to which all of them responded there to, scolding him. Therefore, he requests this Court to take necessary action against the Jail Authorities concerned.

It is further alleged in the petition that the soaps supplied were almost four years old and the Jail Authorities and the doctors were misusing their powers.

On 11th August 2005, this Court directed the District Judge, Anantapur, to visit the said jail and submit a report on the allegations made in the petition.

Accordingly, the District Judge, Anantapur, submitted his report dated 23rd August 2005, wherein he stated that all the prisoners in one voice stated that the quality of the food, being provided in the jail, is as per the specifications and that the jail doctor is attending to all the health problems of the inmates, whenever necessary, further that a cursory view of the Jail register shows that on very few occasions more than ten prisoners were sent to hospital and the allegation that the Jail Authorities are not sending the prisoners to the hospital, etc., is not correct.

The report further discloses that the Medical Officer, Sri Anjani Kumar,

represented that the petitioner is suffering from Chronic *Osteomyelitis*, a bone infection of the right leg and that there will be serious discharge on and off and also that he is being provided medicines and sent to Government General Hospital for treatment as and when such discharge occurred. The District Judge further reported that milk and curd are being provided to the petitioners as and when necessary and also when requested. There is no record placed by the Jail Authorities to show that extra food is supplied to the petitioner earlier. He has also stated that the petitioner admitted before him that he is being provided with milk and curd and he has no complaint against the Jail Authorities.

As regards supply of old soaps, he reported that the toilet soaps that are provided to the prisoners were manufactured in the year 2001 and that the food grains are supplied to the Jail by the contractors appointed by the Director Inspector General of Prisons, Kadapa, as per the specifications covered by the contract. As regards toilet soaps supplied, we must state that though they were manufactured in the year 2001, there is no expiry date for soaps.

Today, a memorandum dated 9th September 2005 issued by the Office of the Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, is filed into Court, wherein the Superintendent, District Jail, Anantapur, is requested to refer the petitioner to Osmania General Hospital, Hyderabad. Thus the grievances of the petitioner have been attended to.

In view of the position afore stated, we do not see any reason to proceed further in the writ petition and accordingly dispose of the same at the admission stage.

J.Chelameswar, J

M.Venkateswara Reddy, J

12th September 2005

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